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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title):

A PLANT FOR PRODUCING A METAL BAND WITH PROTECTION

By (Inventors):

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| Dy (II | inventors). | | | | · | |
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